

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An expandable resin composition comprising an olefin-based copolymer (a), and a thermally decomposable foaming agent (b) kneaded therein, a neutralizer (c), a moisture absorbent (d) and an inorganic filler (e) wherein the olefin-based copolymer is composed of 5 to 50% by weight of monomer units derived from propylene and 95 to 50% by weight of monomer units derived from 1-butene, and the thermally decomposable foaming agent (b) comprises a thermally decomposable foaming agent (b-1) having a decomposition temperature of 130 to 190°C and a thermally decomposable foaming agent (b-2) having a decomposition temperature higher than 190°C but not higher than 230°C, in which

the thermally decomposable foaming agent (b-1) is at least one compound selected from the groups consisting of alkali metal hydrogencarbonates, alkaline earth metal hydrogencarbonates, ammonium hydrogencarbonate, alkali metal carbonates and aluminum carbonate, and

the thermally decomposable foaming agent (b-2) is citric acid.

2. (canceled).

3. (canceled).

4. (previously presented): A propylene-based resin foam obtained by melt-kneading the expandable resin composition according to claim 1 and a propylene-based resin and foaming the composition.

5. (original): The propylene-based resin foam according to claim 4, wherein a physical foaming agent is further employed during the melt-kneading.

6. (original): The propylene-based resin foam according to claim 5, wherein the physical foaming agent is carbon dioxide gas.

7. (currently amended): A propylene-based resin foam obtained by melt-kneading the expandable resin composition according to ~~claim 3-claim 1~~ and a propylene-based resin and foaming the composition.

8. (previously presented): The propylene-based resin foam according to claim 7, wherein a physical foaming agent is further employed during the melt-kneading.

9. (previously presented): The propylene-based resin foam according to claim 8, wherein the physical foaming agent is carbon dioxide gas.

10. (new): The expandable resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the moisture absorbent (d) is at least one species selected from the group consisting of calcium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium oxide and potassium oxide.